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In re Application of :
Eric Leigh MAYES, et al. :
Application No.: 09/308,166 :
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For: MAGNETIZABLE DEVICE :

This communication is in response to applicants' "LETTER TO OFFICE OF PCT OPERATIONS" filed by facsimile on 19 June 2002 requesting "expedited" processing of the national stage patent application of PCT/GB97/03152.

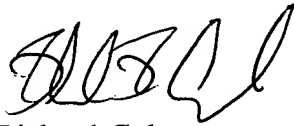
A review of the application file reveals that a) the Article 20 papers for PCT/GB97/03152 were inadvertently matched with the present application, and b) the "POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE OF ENTIRE INTEREST (and) REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS AND NEW POWER OF ATTORNEY" filed 04 December 2000" as well as the "STATUS INQUIRY AND REQUEST TO CORRECT ATTORNEY OF RECORD" filed 18 June 2001 have been received in the Office and matched with the application file.

This application is the national stage entry of international application PCT/GB97/03152 and is in good standing for examination on the merits of the invention.

Applicants' request for "expedited" processing of the national stage patent application is hereby GRANTED. However, the request mentioned in paragraph 16 of applicants' Letter of 16 June 2002 that the present patent application be assigned to Examiner Resan in Group 1773, who is currently in charge of application serial number 09/730,117, will be decided by the Director of Tech Center 2800.

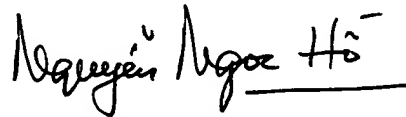
The application is being returned to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office for processing

in accordance with this decision, that is, for a) removing all papers pertaining to PCT/GB97/03512, b) for correcting USPTO database to show the name and correspondence address of the new agent of record, and c) for promptly forwarding the application to the Office of the Director of Tech Center 2800 for addressing applicants' request mentioned in paragraph 16 of communication of 19 June 2002.



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